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SUBJECT:  TRIAL OF KIM DAE JUNG (REPORT NO. 4)
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1.  (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2.  SUMMARY:  PROSECUTION EXAMINATION OF KIM DAE JUNG
WAS COMPLETED MID-AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 19.  ALTHOUGH KIM
ADMITTED GIVING MONEY TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS,
DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS, AND TRYING TO GAIN POWER WITHIN
THE NDP, HE STAUNCHLY DENIED EVER HAVING HAD INTENT TO
OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT BY VIOLENCE.  ON THE CONTRARY,
HE HAD CAUTIONED MODERATION TO STUDENTS AND TONED DOWN
INFLAMMATORY SENTIMENTS IN VARIOUS DECLARATIONS.
CONVERSELY, THE LOCAL PRESS SAID THAT KIM AND THE TWO
OTHER DEFENDANTS QUESTIONED SO FAR HAVE CONFESSED GUILT
TO MOST CHARGES.  END SUMMARY.
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3.  THE PROSECUTION FINISHED QUESTIONING KIM DAE JUNG
(M-P: KIM TAE-CHUNG) THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 19.  KIM
DENIED HAVING GIVEN 5 MILLION WON TO CHONG TONG-HYON (M-R)
(STUDENT AT CHONNAM UNIVERSITY) TO CAUSE DISTURBANCES IN
KWANGJU, AND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ANYONE BY THAT NAME.
HE EXPLAINED HIS FAILURE TO DENY THE CHARGE IN PRISON AS
MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO GET OUT OF JAIL AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE.  THE CHARGE, HOWEVER, IS "A LIE."
4.  OTHER SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WERE:
Q:  "DID YOU ENCOURAGE A GROUP ON MAY 5 TOWARD REVOLUTION
AND HEIGHTEN THEIR SENSE OF REGIONALISM?"
A:  "NO.  I ADVISED AGAINST VIOLENCE, AND SAID REGIONALISM
COULD RUIN THE COUNTRY."
Q:  "DID YOU PLOT WITH STUDENTS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT
BY VIOLENCE?"
A:  "NO.  INSTEAD, I ADVISED THEM AGAINST VIOLENCE."
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Q: "DID YOU GIVE 500,000 WON TO PRINT ILLEGAL STATEMENTS?"
A: "I GAVE THE MONEY TO HELP YANG IL-TONG (M-R) (DECEASED PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION PARTY). I DIDN'T KNOW THE STUDENTS WOULD ISSUE A STATEMENT."

5. IN OTHER PORTIONS OF HIS TESTIMONY, KIM ADMITTED DISTRIBUTING 10,000 LEAFLETS ABOUT HIMSELF IN CONNECTION WITH HIS APRIL 18 SPEECH AT TONGKUK UNIVERSITY. HE SAID HE HAD ENCOURAGED NIP NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN PAK YONG-NOK (M-R) AND YI YONG-HUI (M-R) TO PUSH HIS CAUSE WITHIN THE

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OPPOSITION PARTY. KIM ALSO ADMITTED HAVING ENCOURAGED THE FORMATION OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE DEMOCRATIC YOUTH LEAGUE, HEADED BY HIS SON. THE PROSECUTION FINISHED QUESTIONING KIM ABOUT 3:00 P.M.

6. THE PROSECUTION QUESTIONED MUN IK-HWAN (M-R) THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON. MUN PROTESTED BEING TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL, BUT ANSWERED QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM. HE ADMITTED HAVING RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DPRK PREMIER KIM IL, BUT SAID THE FACT WAS IRRELEVANT. UNDER QUESTIONING, MUN ADMITTED HAVING TAKEN PART IN MEETINGS OF HELPING DRAFT DECLARATIONS. HOWEVER, LIKE KIM DAE JUNG, HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED HAVING EVER ADVOCATED VIOLENCE. THE QUESTIONING OF MUN ENDED AT ABOUT 5:30 P.M.

7. THE PROSECUTION QUESTIONED YI MUN-YONG (M-R) THE MORNING OF AUGUST 22. YI ADMITTED HAVING HELPED WRITE SOME OF KIM DAE JUNG'S SPEECHES, SUCH AS THE ONE KIM GAVE TO THE SENIOR JOURNALISTS' CLUB APRIL 25. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ENCOURAGED KIM NOT TO JOIN THE NIP BUT CLAIMED HE HAD REFUSED TO BECOME THE CHIEF OF KIM'S POLICY RESEARCH STAFF. YI DENIED ILLEGAL ACTIONS, ALLEGED HE SAID DISSIDENTS WERE A FORCE THAT COULD BRING BENEFICIAL CHANGE TO KOREA.

8. PRESS COVERAGE RANGED FROM MISLEADING TO FLATLY UNTRUE. "KIM DAE JUNG ADMITS MOST ACCUSATIONS" WAS HOW THE KOREA HERALD HEADLINED THE STORY. "KIM ALSO GENERALLY ADMITTED OTHER PROSECUTION CHARGES REGARDING HIS PLOTTING REBELLION," WAS INCLUDED IN THE HERALD'S COVERAGE. "YI MUN YONG ADMITTED ALMOST ALL THE FACTS IN THE INDICTMENT," WAS IN THE AUGUST 20 TONGA ILBO. COMMENT: THE DEFENDANTS

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